

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:**1. (canceled)**

2. (original) A reception data synchronizing apparatus for a synchronization to be obtained between reception data having a synchronism pattern for a synchronism to be obtained and expectation data as an expected value of the reception data, comprising:

a synchronism pattern detecting timing recording means for recording a synchronism pattern detecting timing at which the synchronism pattern is detected in the reception data;

a collation and synchronism decision means for collating the reception data with reference data to decide whether or not the reception data is consistent in phase with the reference data; and

a timing generating means operative, when the collation and synchronism decision means gives a decision for inconsistency in phase, for a match between the synchronism pattern detecting timing recorded in the synchronism pattern detecting timing recording means, as a subsequent one, and a timing of a synchronism pattern of the expectation data.

3. (original): A reception data synchronizing apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the timing generating means transmits a predetermined reference timing signal, and the synchronism pattern detecting timing recording means records the reference timing signal when the synchronism pattern is detected, as the synchronism pattern detecting timing.

4-6 (canceled).

7 (original): A reception data synchronizing method for a synchronization to be obtained between reception data having a synchronism pattern for a synchronism to be obtained and expectation data as an expected value of the reception data, comprising:

a synchronism pattern detecting timing recording step for recording a synchronism pattern detecting timing at which the synchronism pattern is detected in the reception data;

a collation and synchronism decision step for collating the reception data with reference data to decide whether or not the reception data is consistent in phase with the reference data and; and

a timing generating step operative, when the collation and synchronism decision step gives a decision for inconsistency in phase, for a match between the synchronism pattern detecting timing recorded in the synchronism pattern detecting timing recording step, as a subsequent one, and a timing of a synchronism pattern of the expectation data.

8. (original): A reception data synchronizing method according to claim 7, wherein the timing generating step transmits a predetermined reference timing signal, and the synchronism pattern detecting timing recording step records the reference timing signal when the synchronism pattern is detected, as the synchronism pattern detecting timing.

9-11 (canceled).

12. (original) A computer- readable medium embodying a program of instructions for execution by the computer to perform a reception data synchronizing method for a synchronization to be obtained between reception data having a synchronism pattern for a synchronism to be obtained and expectation data as an expected value of the reception data, comprising:

a synchronism pattern detecting timing recording step for recording a synchronism pattern detecting timing at which the synchronism pattern is detected in the reception data;

a collation and synchronism decision step for collating the reception data with reference data to decide whether or not the reception data is consistent in phase with the reference data; and

a timing generating step operative, when the collation and synchronism decision step gives a decision for inconsistency in phase, for a match between the synchronism pattern detecting timing recorded in the synchronism pattern detecting timing recording step, as a subsequent one, and a timing of a synchronism pattern of the expectation data.

13. (original): A computer-readable medium according to claim 12, wherein the timing generating step transmits a predetermined reference timing signal, and the synchronism pattern detecting timing recording step records the reference timing signal when the synchronism pattern is detected, as the synchronism pattern detecting timing.

14-16 (canceled).

17. (original): A reception data synchronizing apparatus for a synchronization to be obtained between reception data having a synchronism pattern for a synchronism to be obtained and expectation data as an expected value of the reception data, comprising:

a synchronism pattern detecting timing recording device that records a synchronism pattern detecting timing at which the synchronism pattern is detected in the reception data;

a collation and synchronism decision device that collates the reception data with reference data to decide whether or not the reception data is consistent in phase with the reference data; and

a timing generating device operative, when the collation and synchronism decision device gives a decision for inconsistency in phase, for a match between the synchronism pattern detecting timing recorded in the synchronism pattern detecting timing recording device, as a subsequent one, and a timing of a synchronism pattern of the expectation data.

18 (original): A reception data synchronizing apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the timing generating device transmits a predetermined reference timing signal, and the synchronism pattern detecting timing recording device records the reference timing signal when the synchronism pattern is detected, as the synchronism pattern detecting timing.

19-20 (canceled).